

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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BECKER <i>et al.</i>)	Examiner: Lacourciere, K.
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Serial No. 09/523,237)	Confirmation No. 5771
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Filed: March 10, 2000)	Atty. Docket No. GP068-03.CN1
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For: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET)	VIA FACSIMILE
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES USING)	
MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES)	

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 21, 2003 in the above-captioned application, please find attached a Substitute Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to replace the Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed by Applicants on August 11, 2003. The Substitute Reply is identical to Applicants' original Reply to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on June 3, 2003, except that a complete listing of all claims presented in the subject application is now included. In particular, Applicants' Substitute Reply indicates that claims 1-491 have been cancelled. To facilitate processing and to avoid confusion, kindly use the Fee Transmittal form submitted with Applicants' August 11th Reply in connection with the attached Substitute Reply.

Please charge any fees due in connection with this Response to Deposit Account No. 07-0835 in the name of Gen-Probe Incorporated.

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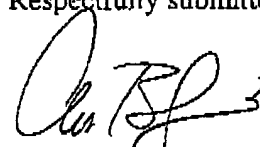
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Respectfully submitted,

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SUBSTITUTE REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on June 3, 2003, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.